

THE REHEARSAL Of Observator, &c.

1. An Account of the Election for the County of Suffolk. With that of Oxford, &c.
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From Saturday May the 12th, to Saturday May the 19th 1705.

(1.) Country-man. **W**E parted last time upon the Reception the Tackers meet with in the Country. And now the Elections are Begun, I'll shew thee an Account I have of an Election in a County about which Thou and I have already squabbl'd, that is Suffolk. Here's a Letter thence of the 9th Instant, from an Elector that was Present, who says, in these words, *I cannot forbear giving you the hopeful Account of our County Election for SUFFOLK. About ten in the Morning came the Lord DYSSERT and Sir ROB. DAVERS, usher'd into the Town by such a Body of all the Chief Gentry, and most Reputable Yeomanry of the County, as Enliv'd the Reputation of the Church party. When presently they were Succeeded, according to Custom, by Sir SAMUEL BARNARDISTON, and Sir DUDLY CULLUM. But to see what a Rabble had espous'd that Faction! You never beheld such a Scoundrel Medly. Excepting Sir THOMAS FELTON and two more, I do not think there were three Gentlemen to Head that Herd. At a Window indeed I espy'd the D. of G. L. C—s. and the L. H. Zealous Promoters. But the Earl of DYSSERT &c. Oppos'd that Rout of PRESBYTERIANS, INDEPENDENTS, ANABAPTISTS, QUAKERS, who Appear'd in a Body, PAPISTS and MODERATION BROTHERS, who were all Covenanted against poor CHURCH. And began such a Noise of NO TACKERS; NO FRENCH SHOOS; HEAR THE QUEEN, &c. That you wou'd have Thought Hell had been broke loose. But when my Lord DYSSERT and Sir ROBERT DAVERS Appear'd (those Noble TACKERS) I was surpris'd to see how all that Glorious Appearance were Transfected, and presently Entertain'd with the Gratefull Musick of NO FORTY EIGHT. NO PRESBYTERIAN REBELLION. SAVE THE QUEENS WHITE NECK. A TOWER. A TOWER. ADAVERS. SAVE YOUR COUNTRY BY MY LORD AND DAVERS, &c. But you would have Rejoic'd to see how the CLERGY went Unanimously in a Body from the late Lord HEREFORD's House to the Place of Polling. And Poll'd above 200. which so Dispirited the Adverse Party, that we hear'd no more of them. If the CLERGY wou'd be Unanimous and Faithfull to the Interests of the CHURCH, the Gentry I find wou'd Espouse them through the Kingdom; And then We need fear no Undermining Party. In short, all Parties here Try'd their utmost. The Enemy brought in the Lame and the Blind and all that cou'd but speak. Yet We out-Poll'd them by 173. May this the first County-Election be a Precedent to the whole Kingdom, happily Presage the Set-*

lement of the Church, and the Resc'e of her Majesty out of the hands of those that seek her Destruction, and our Subversion. Thus the Letter. Adding the Poll. viz. for Ld. Dyseri, 2877. And for Sir Robert Davers, 2883. Sir Samuel Barnardiston, 2286. Sir Dudly Cullum, 2318.

Obs. Our Truth and Honesty has sadly Lamented this our Defeat. Notwithstanding his sweet Dialogue 'twixt Sir R. D. and the Chimney-Sweeper. And now Despairs of Success in the Corporations, as well as County of Suffolk. He gives them over as all High-Fliers, and Papishes.

Country-m. Yet what Papists were there, were on your side, against the Church. Particularly Mr. L——y a noted Papist procur'd 200 Votes against the Earl of Dyseri.

Obs. No Matter for that. They are all Papishes. I have said it, over and over. And if the Plot-Office was up again, I wou'd Swear it. And, as my Brother Truth and Honesty says, That all this is long of these Wicked Parsons; whom therefore WE Rail at, Curse, and Expose all that WE can.

Country-m. And more than you can with either Truth or Honesty. But thank God, your Wit is not so Great as your Malice. And your Stories are so Sillily contriv'd, as to pass the Belief of any Man of Common Sense. YOU have Ly'd your selves out of Credit. YOU have made a Trade of it. And what YOU say is no more a Reflection, than if it came from an Oyster-Woman at Billings-Gate, or a Water-Man upon the Thames.

And YOUR Threats are of no more Regard. YOU sent a Letter to Oxford (which I got and Printed, March 31, N. 35.) with the Names of the Tackers in the University, County, and City, whom YOU Threaten'd to Shoot through the Head if they offer'd to Appear at the then Ensuing Elections, and call'd them Pensioners of France. But YOUR Scandal is Despis'd, and Reckon'd as Ridiculous as YOUR vain Boast of YOUR Legions, and Impotent Threats. These same Tackers Nam'd in YOUR Letter, are now Chose again in the County University, and City of Oxford. I tell thee, if I were to Stand at an Election, I wou'd Hire THEE and thy Scandalous Club to speak all the Ill of me that YOU cou'd Invent; it wou'd Really be a Recommendation of me, even to Strangers, who had one Drachm of Sense or Probity, and who understood the Manner of Proceeding of the most Harden'd, Prophane, and Lying FACTION, that ever the Earth bore. Thy Observators, and the other Papers of the Scandalous Club

are stuff'd with *Invectives* against the *Church* and *Clergy*, and almost *IMPOSSIBLE Stories* told, like those in *The Cobler of Gloucester*, such an other *Amber* in the times of *Forty-One*, which *YOU* have now *Re-Printed*, out of *YOUR Deep Respect* to the *Church*, no Doubt! Thou tell'st a Story (too *Beastly* to be *Repeated*) in thine of the 9th. *Instant*, Vol. 4. N. 1. which I have heard many years ago; and thou lay'st it upon a *High-Flyer*, a *Knight* in *Kent* (we guess whom *YOU Mean*) as if done yesterday. But if evr it was done (which I can hardly believe) I Remember full well it was said to be done by a *Parcel* of the *Debauchee Whiggi*, who us'd to *Fropheare CHURCHES*, and all things *Sacred*; as some of them *Lately* have done; who are now *Pinnacles of the Faction*, and *Saints of the Covenant*! And which is more, *without Mending*!

(2.) *Obs.* But what say'st thou to what I tell of your fine *Parson Lamb*, in my *Observator* N. 9. the last but one to that before nam'd? Don't I make him a pure *Drunken Fellow*, and set down a *Violent Expression* of his, in favour of the *Tackers*.

Country-m. I believe it, like the *Rest of thy Stories*! That is, I believe not one *Word* of it. And thou brings no *Vouchers*. And I have this further Reason to believe, that *Mr. Lamb* is not a man of that *Violent* and *Passionate Temper*, thou woud'st Represent him. Thy *Violent CREW* gave him a *Trial* of it, about a *Month* past, at *Hartpden* near *St. Albans*; where a Company of *Whiggi* and *Dissenters* being Met, to concert *Elections*; And, as they use, to *Rout* and *Revel*; *Mr. Lamb* Lock'd up the *Church-Doors*, to secure that *Place*; at least, from their *Insults*. For which as it happen'd, he had good Reason. For in their *Cups*, they had a *Mind* to have the *Church-Bells* to *Ring*, to *Grace* their *Solemnity*. And finding the *Church-Doors* Lock'd, they made no *Ceremony* with it, but broke into the *Church*, and fell a *Ringing the Bells*. Upon which *Mr. Lamb* went to them, and Represented their *Disorder* to them, in so *Mild* a manner, that he Perswaded them to Depart in *Peace*, and leave him in *Possession* of his *Church*. But upon *second Thoughts*, and to other *Cup*, they got up again, and finding the *Church-Doors* Lock'd up again, they, as before, *Broke* in the *Second* time, and fell to the *Bells*. *Mr. Lamb* went to them again; and his *Rhetorik* had that Perswasion, as to get them out *Quietly* the *Second* time, and he Lock'd up the *Church-Doors* again. But, to make my *Story* short, they *Broke* in the *Third* time. And *Mr. Lamb* seeing no *End* of it, took with him the *Church-Wardens* and *Constables*, and Reasoning the *Cafe* with them, saw there a violent *Dissenter* of his *Parish*, to whom he Address'd himself, and said, *Neighbour, I'm Sorry* *Never to see you at CHURCH*, but upon such an *Occasion* as this, to do violence to it. The *Dissenter* as *Pertly* *Reply'd*, That the *Church* was as much his, as the *Parsons*, and that he woud come to it, when he woud, and how he woud, and do what he pleas'd, with other *Insulting Language*. But the *Authority* of the *Church-Wardens* and *Constables*, and fear of the *Law* Repriev'd the *Church*, and fav'd *Mr. Lamb*, for *That time*. Who in all this *Assault* upon *Himself* and the *Church*, carry'd with the *Greatest Evenness* and *Moderation*, of which all *Present* were *Witnesses*. And therefore the *Observator's* contrary *Representation* of *Mr. Lamb*, without other *Voucher*, than his own *Veracity*, will go down with none, but who are in *Love* with *Slander*, and take every *Occasion* against the *Church*.

(3.) *Obs.* These *Clergy* do us all the *Mischief*. Therefore we must be *Reveng'd* on them, one way or other. They *Preach* against us, and In-

fluence *Elections*. They have got most of *Gentry*, (all but the *Whiggi Rakes*) from us; and among the *Common People*, they have the *Sons* and *Substantial Party*. But yet *OUR Number WE* hope will Prevail. Which cannot be *Inconsiderate*, while *WE* have the *Fools* and *Knaves* on *OUR side*! Considering which, I did not think, that the *Church* cou'd have put *US* so *Hard* to it, as I perceive now in the Beginning of the *Elections*. But our *Hope* is in the *North*, who are *Nearer*, and keep a *Correspondence* with *OUR* *Brethren* in *Scotland*.

(5.) And as if the *Day* were our own *already*, I *Triumph* in mine of the 12th. *Instant*, and ask *Them*, what they to use to *Ask* at *US*, (as *Undermost to Receive Favours*, and theirs to *Grant*) what will *Content* you, and *Ease* you of your *Frights*? I put the *Fright* upon *Them*! And I say, *No good man is against the Security of the Church or against making New Laws*, if any are wanting, to *Defend* it against its *Enemies* the *PA-PISTS*.

Country-m. But the *Church* has other *Enemies*; *YOU Whiggi* and *Dissenters*, who are *Battering* her every *Day*, in the most *Shameless* and *Violent* *Manner*.

Obs. O, for that, I say in the same *Paragraph*, That the *Protestant Dissenters* are the *Support* and *Friends* of the *Church of England*.

Country-m. This is *Insulting* past all *measure*! when in the very next *Paragraph*, you charge the *Clergy* with *Preaching down the Doctrine of the Church of England*; And say, That the *DISSENTERS Preach it up*. And so are the *True Church of England*. Thendown with the *Church of England*! They are the *Dissenters*! This *YOU* have Labour'd at in *several Pamphlets*, to *Prove* the *Dissenters* to be *The Church of England*. This is *YOUR way* of being the *Support* of the *Church of England*! To get it All to *YOURSELVES*, and out with those who are now *Falsly call'd the Church of England*.

And in *Thine* of the 9th *Instant* N. 11. *YOU* woud take away the *Rights* of our *Clergy* to their *Living*s, and to *Vote* in *Elections*, and calls them *Free-booters of Divinity*; And such *Contemptible Creatures*, as our *Noble Progenitors* woud have *Dishain'd* to have set with the *DOGS of their FLOCK*. Thou say'st, They hold their *LIVINGS* by no other *Tenure*, than the *Poor of the Land* hold their *ALMS-HOUSES*. And therefore say'st, I cannot but *Admire* at their *Impudence*, to *Intermeddle* with our *Elections*.

Country-m. *OUR Elections*! says *John Tuckin*. And how often has he *Repeated*, I have two *Members* in the *House of Commons* *Representing My Person*. But the *Clergy* are *Such CONTEMPTIBLE Creatures*, as are not *Worthy* to have any to *Represent* them! They *Live* only upon *Alms*! And all the *Bishops Palaces*, and the *Parsonages* in the *Kingdom* are *Alms Houses*! They are so *little Worthy* to be *Parsons*, That our *Noble Whiggi*, even *Tuckin* and *De Foe*, woud *Dishain* to set them with the *Dogs* of their *Flocks*!

THESE! THESE! are the *Friends* of the *Church*, and its only *Support*! against *THESE* there is no need of the *Occasional Bill* to be *Reviv'd*, or any *Security* to be *Ask'd*! No need of *Tacking* (which has been often us'd upon smaller *Occasions*) when there is no *Hope* of *Obtaining* it, by any other *Methods*!

(5.) *TACKING!* first *Introduc'd* by the *Whiggi* against *K. Char. II.* And *Apply'd* *Occasionally* against *Even K. Will.* But now *Monstrous* to be *Mention'd* (when all other *Ways* are *Stopp'd*) for the *Preservation* of the *Church*, and of the *Queen*! Behold ye are all *Children of Israel*, give here your *Advice* and *Council*!

A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

The *Passage* of *Past Twelve a Clock* told in my last, a *Gentleman* of *undoubted Reputation* had from the *Country*. But writing again for a more *Particular Account* of it, *Receiv'd* lately what is *under Written*.

Sir, There is a *mistake* as to the *Person*, and it is a *General one* in this *Country*. Sir H——ry and not Sir W. Ash——t. The *answer* to my *Enquiry* is this — Sir H——ry Ash——t, bid his *Cofen* Mr. Ash——t to give his *Service* to his *Cofen* Va——ry, and *Advise* him not to be *too hot*, for that it was *past Twelve a Clock* with the *Church of England*: And said the Q——n was on *their side*, meaning Sir H——ny's *side*. This is what Mr. Va——ry told me *last Night*, and I have often heard him say at other times. And this *Message* was deliver'd to Mr. Va——ry in *February* *last* or *the beginning of March*.

Now let all *Errors* be *Correced*. That *Past Twelve a Clock &c.* was *Cry'd* stands still who was the *Bell-Man* is all the *Dispute*.